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Re: Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with BellSouth

Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications

Act of 1996

Docket No. 00-00691

Dear Jim:

Attached is a proposed Protective Order for your review. Pursuant to the Notice of Procedural Schedule issued in this docket on October 27, 2000, this agreement needs to be in place by November 20, 2000. If the attached proposed Protective Order is acceptable to your client, please execute the signature page and return it to me at your earliest convenience. We will file it with the Authority upon receipt of your signature. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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cc: David Waddell

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